



Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 18th September 2017

Dear Parents

What a busy and exciting week we have had! In our Wednesday assembly, we enjoyed a visit from some representatives from our School charity for this year, Special Olympics Norfolk, who came to tell us all about the excellent work they do. The Top Birds were asked to demonstrate a special standing long jump, which they did very well. Bird Family meetings focused on the theme of friendship and Mrs Koczur and some of our visiting music teachers came to our Thursday assembly to demonstrate some of the instruments that children can learn to play in School. Our celebratory assembly today included celebrating our first set of work for the 'Wonder Wall'. One piece of work was chosen from each class to be framed and hung in the Pre Prep entrance. Those children also received a certificate. Top Birds were officially presented with their certificate and a badge.

We visited Easton College Farm yesterday as part of our 'A happy and healthy life' topic. The trip was a great success and many people commented on the enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour of the children. Each class was able to take part in a number of workshops, travel around the farm learning about the animals and their care and learn how they produce food for humans. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how a farm works and it was very exciting to see the children so focused and involved in their learning.

Literacy lessons

This week we have introduced the use of imperative verbs and discussed how we use these in instructions. In readiness for our trip to Easton College Farm, we applied this knowledge by creating our own list of rules entitled 'How to have a happy trip to Easton Farm'. In our word building lesson this week children thought of some fantastic 'ai' words. In spelling lessons, we familiarised ourselves with 'ea' words, using both the long and short sound, and wrote sentences using these. We were very impressed with the efforts children had made with their homework last week as well as the enthusiasm to build on their skills in literacy lessons.

Maths lessons

This week we have built upon our understanding of estimating and counting a number of objects up to 100. We have located numbers on 0-100 beaded lines and 1-100 squares. We have compared pairs of numbers and found a number in between. We have completed a variety of activities involving ordering numbers and revisited some of the mathematical language we need to use in order to explain our understanding.

Other lessons and activities

In R.E this week we have introduced the Christian creation story and created our own storyboards. Children discussed their personal beliefs and those of others in our school and wider community. In topic work, we discussed our experiences at Easton

College Farm and wrote a recount of the day using time connectives and adjectives. In art lessons, we have begun to create images of fields inspired by our trip and also the work of Paul Klee. Using wax crayons, children have defined areas of land and started to mix colours independently to create a palette of natural shades.

Over the weekend, you may like to:

- Help your child to log into their Active Learn account.
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>. Activities allocated to children are linked to the learning taking place in maths lessons. This supports children's understanding and is designed to allow them to apply what they have learned.
- Help your child to learn their spellings and complete their word building lists ready to hand in on Monday. Although the front sheet of the word building books asks for books to be handed in on Fridays, we are happy to accept all homework on Mondays as this should help to simplify your weekly routine.

Arrival at school

Registration is at 8.25am. If you are delayed in arriving at School, please ensure that you enter the Pre Prep via the Pre Prep office and sign in there, so that we can ensure our fire registers are accurate. Thank you.

Collection

If you collect your child from Pre Prep and wait outside the Dearnaley Building to collect a Prep sibling, please bear in mind that Prep lessons continue until 4pm, so Pre Prep children will need to wait or play quietly. Thank you.

Musical instrument tuition

If you are interested in finding out more information about your child learning a musical instrument, please contact our Head of Music, Mrs Koczur on skoczur@townclose.com

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October – 5.00pm-7.30pm: Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Read Hall

Friday 13th October: PTA Quiz Night in the Read Hall

Friday 20th October – 2.00pm-3.00pm: Grandparents' afternoon in the Pre Prep Hall

Thursday 7th December – 2.15pm-3.15pm: Year 2 Christmas Production

Thursday 14th December – 2.00pm-3.00pm: Carol Service at Christchurch Eaton for Year 1 and Year 2 children

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries